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SUBJ: BREMEN REACTION TO BRANDT RESIGNATION

1. REACTION TO BRANDT RESIGNATION IS TRADITIONALLY SPD BREMEN SIMILAR TO THAT REPORTED ELSEWHERE. AFTER INITIAL SHOCK AND DISMAY, ALONG WITH CONCERN FOR COUNTRY'S AND SPD'S FUTURE, MANY NOW BELIEVE SPD MAY BE BETTER OFF IN LONG RUN UNDER SCHMIDT ALTHOUGH BRANDT MUCH MORE POPULAR AMONG RANK AND FILE. SCHMIDT REGARDED AS STRONG MAN, IF SOMEWHAT RIGID, WHO WILL PROVIDE "STARKE HAND" WHICH MANS PREFER TO BRANDT STYLE OF LEADERSHIP. BREMEN SPD APPEARS PRESENTLY UNITED BEHIND SCHMIDT.

2. GREAT SYMPATHY GENERALLY FELT FOR BRANDT IN PRESENT CRISIS AND SADNESS HE HAD TO LEAVE OFFICE UNDER CLOUD. HOWEVER HIS RESIGNATION CONSIDERED IN CHARACTER AND GUILLAUME AFFAIR ONLY LAST STRAW IN HIS DISENCHANTMENT WITH CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE.

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3. MAYOR KOSCHNICK INTERRUPTED OFFICIAL VISIT TO PRC AND

RETURNED GERMANY IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING NEWS OF RESIGNATION. HE IS STILL IN BONN AS MEMBER BUNDESVORSTAND SPD. RUMORS HAVE CIRCULATED HE MAY BE OFFERED MINISTRY IN SCHMIDT GOVERNMENT BUT THIS DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY. IN LOCAL PRESS REPORT, KOSCHNICK QUOTED AS SAYING HE INTENDS RETURN TO BREMEN.

4. IN LUNCHEON DAY AFTER RESIGNATION, THE HEAD OF BREMEN TV-RADIO SAID HEHAD RECENTLY MET WITH SCHMIDT AND IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT SCHMIDT WOULD BE MORE TIGHT-FISTED THAN BRANDT ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING. USENIK

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